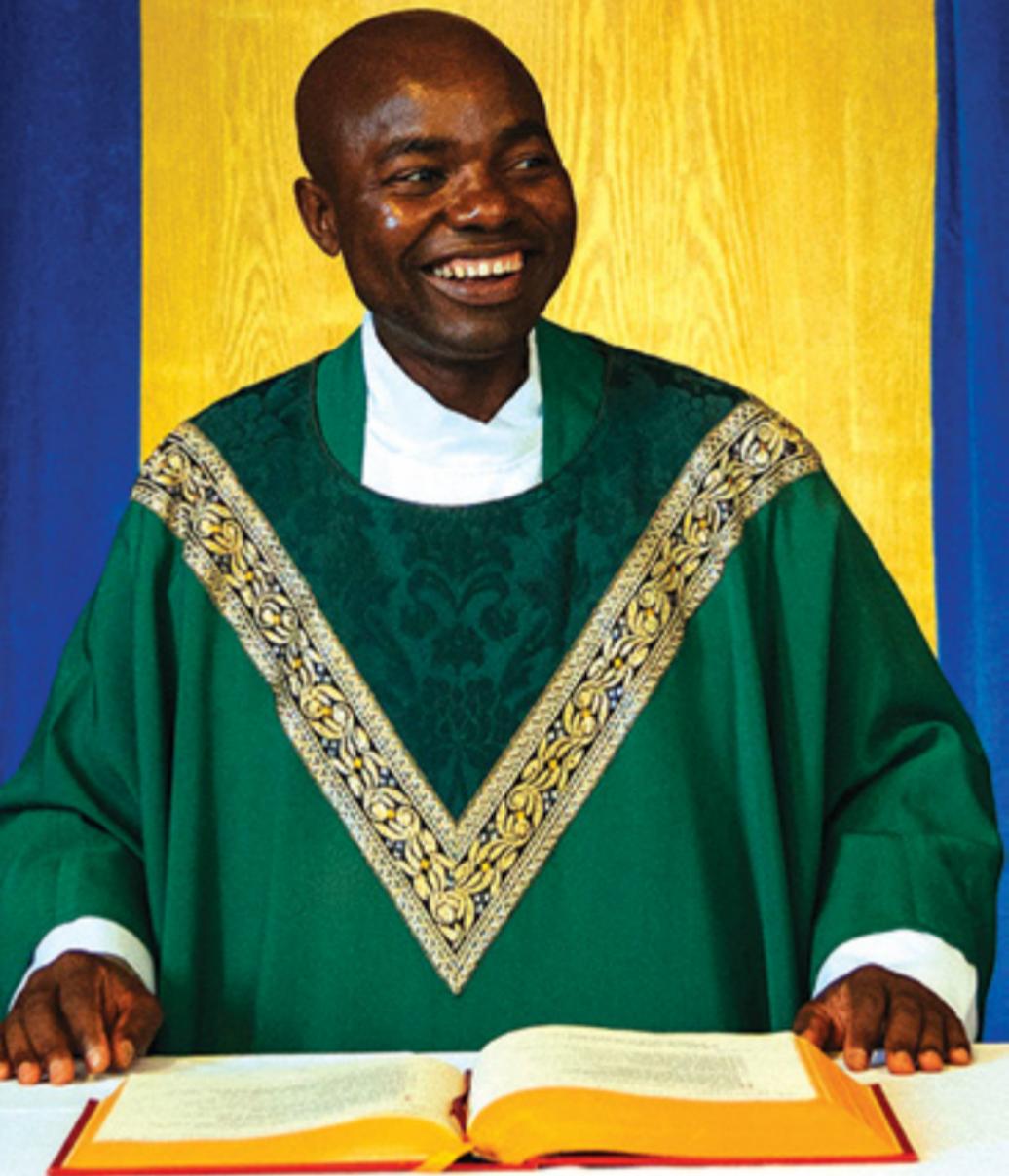




UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS
AND CHAPLAIN CANDIDATES



DIGITAL EDITION

DIVERSE FAITH BACKGROUNDS

Air Force chaplains are professional clergy from diverse faith and denominational backgrounds, including Catholic, Jewish, Muslim, Orthodox Christian and Protestant, and are commissioned military officers.

Full-time or part-time, a Catholic chaplain is:

- A strong witness to the Catholic faith.
- A confidential counselor and spiritual director.
- A defender of religious freedom.
- A spiritual and sacramental caregiver to Airmen, their families and authorized personnel.
- An intentional advisor to leadership.
- A Chaplain Corps team player.
- Catholic priests and seminarians are critically needed to serve Catholic Airmen and their families while supporting the religious needs of all.



Serving God as a Catholic priest in the Air Force is a tremendous honor. In exchanging your typical civilian parish for a wing [Air Force organization], civilian town for a base and black clothing for various camouflage patterns, you do not lose your priestly identity; you expand it by seeing God at work across the world in the lives of our Airmen and their families.

- CHAPLAIN NICHOLAS REID



FULL-TIME MINISTRIES

ACTIVE DUTY AIR FORCE

Chaplains in the Active Duty Air Force serve full time and provide pastoral care to meet the spiritual needs of Airmen and their family members.

COMMITMENT

Active Duty chaplains incur an initial service commitment of three years. They are assigned all around the world, from large statewide bases to small remote locations.

PART-TIME MINISTRIES

AIR RESERVE AND AIR NATIONAL GUARD

Enhance your full-time civilian ministry while serving the spiritual needs of Airmen as a part-time chaplain.

COMMITMENT

Traditional Reserve chaplains serve one weekend a month (24 days per year) plus a two-week period of annual training (14 days per year).

Individual Mobilization Augmentees serve 12 consecutive days of annual training and 12 individually scheduled weekdays scattered throughout the year.

Air National Guard chaplains typically serve one weekend a month (24 days per year) plus a two-week period of annual training (14 days per year). There is a growing number of Full Time Air National Guard opportunities.





GRADUATE LEVEL STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

CHAPLAIN CANDIDATE PROGRAM

Explore the Air Force Chaplaincy in an internship-style setting while you earn your Master of Divinity or equivalent graduate-level religious studies degree. Chaplain candidates are commissioned as second lieutenants in the Air Force Reserve. They must be accepted by their diocese or religious community and seminary in as early as pre-theology.

COMMITMENT

All chaplain candidate commitments take place during the summer and are designed to not interfere with the seminary school year and diocesan or religious congregation requirements. Although they are commissioned in the Air Force Reserve, chaplain candidates can transfer to a Traditional Reserve, Individual Mobilization Augmentee or Air National Guard chaplain position upon successful completion of the program.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

CIVIL AIR PATROL (CAP)

Chaplains provide emergency services support, character education and ministry in CAP's missions.

COMMITMENT

The CAP Chaplain Corps is highly flexible — as much or little time as the Chaplain can give. There are no age restrictions and no medical exam is required. CAP chaplains are unpaid and not deployable.



AIR FORCE CHAPLAIN QUALIFICATIONS

- Be a U.S. citizen; dual citizenship is not authorized.
- Possess a bachelor's degree and a qualifying postgraduate degree in theology or related religious studies from an accredited institution for priest with at least three years of parish--pastoral ministry leadership experience.
- Receive an ecclesiastical endorsement from the Archdiocese for the Military Services, USA, (milarch.org), to begin the application process. The diocesan or religious superior grants a letter of permission for the endorsement to the archbishop for the Military Services.
- Be less than 40 years old for priests and seminarians. Age waivers for priests may be considered on a case by case basis.
- Meet Air Force age, medical, financial, moral, and security standards.
- Complete the eight-and-a-half-week Officer Training School and four-week Basic Chaplain Course for priests and the Basic Chaplain Candidate course for seminarians.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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